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SUBJ: KING TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 16

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS SEPTEMBER 6 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT KING HASSAN WOULD HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 16. PRESS ADDED THAT IT HAD BEEN LEARNED, "IN AUTHORIZED QUARTERS," THAT CONFERENCE WOULD BE PRECEDED BY IMPORTANT DECLARATION AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF KING'S RECENT TRIP TO SOUTH AND RETURN OF ROYAL EMISSARIES ON EVE OF 29TH UNGA. EMISSARIES, PRESS NOTED, WERE CHARGED WITH EXPLAINING MOROCCO'S POSITION ON OCCUPIED SAHARA, AND GA HAD BEEN CALLED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS RELATING TO COLONIALISM AND "GEOGRAPHIC PARTITION."

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KING HAS RETIRED TO ROYAL HUNTING PRESERVE AT BOUZNIKA FOR WEEK'S SHOOTING AND, PRESUMABLY, WORK ON CONFERENCE. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AUGUST 19, 1972 IN WAKE OF SECOND COUP ATTEMPT.

3. COMMENT: PRESS ACCOUNT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT ONE OF MAJOR PREOCCUPATIONS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE SAHARA. AT SAME TIME, IT MAY BE THAT KING WILL DEAL WITH  
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INTERNAL POLITICS AS WELL. RUMOR MILL HAS IT THAT CHANGES OF HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL EXTEND TO GOVERNORS AND

JUSTICE MINISTRY AS WELL AS TO AMBASSADORS, AND MOOD  
AMONG OPPOSITION LEADERS IS ONE OF ANTICIPATION. OPPOSITION  
SOURCES HAVE STRESSED TO US, HOWEVER, THAT PALACE HAS AS  
YET NOT OPENED REAL DIALOGUE WITH THEM ON PARTICIPATION OF  
PARTIES IN GOVERNMENT.  
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